

**Fire Safety Code Board
Of Appeal and Review
March 27, 2012**

The Rhode Island Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal and Review met at its headquarters located at 1 Regan Court, Varley Building #46, in Cranston, RI on Tuesday March 27, 2012. Present were Chairman Newbrook and Commissioners Blackburn, Burlingame, Sylvester, Jackson, Jasparro, Walker and Dias. Vice Chairperson Filippi and Commissioners Richard and Pearson were absent. Also present were Executive Director Thomas B. Coffey, Jr. and Deputy Director Carol Marsella.

The following cases were heard:

APPEAL #090001: Mr. Lawrence Leonard, for the property located at 75 Providence Street in West Warwick. Assistant Deputy State Fire Marshals Bobola and Traficante appeared for the West Warwick Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Walker made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jackson, to grant the Applicant variances based upon structural hardship to allow the front and side egress doors, the doors to the Sunday school classroom and the winders leading to the choir loft to be maintained in their current configuration. The motion passed with Commissioner Blackburn abstaining from the vote.

APPEAL #090408: For the property located at 745 Main Street in West Warwick. Assistant Deputy State Fire Marshals Bobola and Traficante appeared for the West Warwick Fire Marshal's Office. The Applicant failed to appear, but sent a representative. However, that person did not have a letter from the owner authorizing him as a representative at this hearing. This case is held over until April 17, 2012 at which time the Applicant is directed to appear personally, to provide the Board with a letter authorizing someone else to represent him at that hearing.

APPEAL #120020: OSCR Inc., for the property located at 1289 South Broadway, East Providence. DSFM Michael Macaruso appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Walker recused himself from consideration of this case. Commissioner Burlingame made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sylvester, to grant the Applicant a time variance of sixty (60) days to bring this facility into compliance with the Fire Code. The State Fire Marshal's Office has the authority to extend the above time for good faith efforts being shown by the Applicant. The motion passed.

APPEAL #120021: Mr. Michael Medina, for the property located at 665-669 North Broadway in East Providence. Assistant Deputy State Fire Marshals Oscar Elmasian and James Bellamy appeared for the East Providence Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Walker recused himself from consideration of this case. Commissioner

Sylvester made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Burlingame, to grant the Applicant's request for a variance in order to maintain the width of the cited egress hallway, on the basis of structural hardship. The Board further grants the Applicant a time variance of ninety (90) days in which to complete his plan of action for the correction of all other outstanding deficiencies within this facility. The East Providence Fire Marshal's Office is granted the authority to extend that time. The motion passed.

APPEAL #110082A: Mr. Robert Lowe, for the property located at 518 Hartford Avenue, Providence. DSFM Michael Macaruso appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Sylvester made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jasparro, to approve the Applicant's request for additional time to comply with a previous decision and to grant the Applicant a time variance of sixty (60) days in which to make the required repair to the fire alarm in this facility. The State Fire Marshal's Office is authorized to extend that time for good faith efforts being shown by the Applicant. The motion passed with Commissioner Burlingame in opposition.

APPEAL #120022: Hughes Associates, Inc., for the property located at 570 Cranston Street in Providence. ADSFM Timothy Lutz appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Blackburn recused himself from consideration of this case. Commissioner Sylvester made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Walker, to approve the Applicant's plan of action for this facility. The motion

passed over the opposition vote of Commissioner Dias.

APPEAL #120023: Hughes Associates, Inc., for the property located at 540 Cranston Street in Providence. ADSFM Timothy Lutz appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Blackburn recused himself from consideration of this case. Commissioner Sylvester made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Walker, to approve the Applicant's plan of action for this facility. The motion passed over the opposition vote of Commissioner Dias.

APPEAL #120024: Hughes Associates, Inc., for the property located at 527-529 Cranston Street in Providence. ADSFM Timothy Lutz appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Blackburn recused himself from consideration of this case. Commissioner Sylvester made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Walker, to approve the Applicant's plan of action for this facility. The motion passed over the opposition vote of Commissioner Dias.

APPEAL #120025: Hughes Associates, Inc., for the property located at 531-533 Cranston Street in Providence. ADSFM Timothy Lutz appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Blackburn recused himself from consideration of this case. Commissioner Sylvester made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Walker, to approve the Applicant's plan of action for this facility. The motion passed over the opposition vote of Commissioner Dias.

Respectfully submitted

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